

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to initial review of the Application.

Applicants respectfully request examination of all pending claims. Such examination at Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully solicited.

VERSION SHOWING MARKED CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, line 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/017,669 filed on October 30, 2001, entitled "Method, Apparatus, and System to Optimize Frequently Executed Code and To Use Compiler Transformation and Hardware Support to Handle Infrequently Executed Code," and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/969,962 filed on September 29, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus For Performing Compiler Transformation of Software Code Using Fastforward Regions Value Specification," and assigned to the same assignee of the present application No. 09/965,757.--

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants contend that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to reexamine these claims. Allowance of these claims at Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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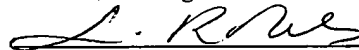


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